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Public Meeting

At Champoick, May 2d 1843

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of the Willamette Settlements, held in accordance with the call of the committee, chosen at a former meeting, for the purpose of taking steps to organize themselves into a civil community, and provide themselves with the protection, secured by the enforcement of law and order.

Dr I. L. Babcock was chosen Chairman and Messrs Gray, LeBreton and Wilson, Secretaries.

The committee made their report - which was read, and

A motion was made that it be accepted — which was lost.

Considerable confusion existing in consequence - It was moved by Mr LeBreton & seconded by Mr Gray - that the meeting decide, preparatory to being counted - those in favor of the objects of this meeting taking the right, and those of a contrary mind taking the left — which being carried by acclamation, and a great majority being found in favor of organization, the greater part of the dissentients withdrew

It was then moved and carried that the report of the committee be taken up and disposed of article by article.

A motion was made and carried that a Supreme Judge, with Probate powers be chosen to officiate in this community

Moved and carried that a Clerk of the Court or Recorder, be chosen

Moved & carried that a Sheriff be chosen.

Moved & carried that three Magistrates be chosen.

Moved & carried that three Constables be chosen.

Moved & carried that a committee of nine persons be chosen for the purpose of drafting a Code of Laws for the government of this community, to be presented at a public meeting to be hereafter called by them on the 5th day of July next. for their acceptance.

A motion was made and carried that a Treasurer be chosen

Moved and carried that a Major and three Captains be chosen

Moved & carried that we now proceed to choose the persons to fill the various offices, by ballot.

W. E. Wilson was chosen to act as Supreme Judge, with probate powers.

E. W. LeBreton was chosen to act as Clerk of court or Recorder

J. L. Meek was chosen to fill the office of Sheriff.

W. H. Wilson was chosen Treasurer.

Moved and carried that the remainder of the officers be chosen by hand ballot & nomination from the floor

Messrs Hill, Thorless, Newell, Biers, Hubbard, Gray O'Neil, Moore and Dougherty were chosen to act as the Legislative Committee

Messrs Bunn, Gibson, and A. J. Smith were chosen to act as Magistrates

Messrs Elbert, Bridges & Lewis were chosen to act as Constables

Mr John Howard was chosen Mayor
Messrs Wm McCarty, C McKay, & L. Smith were chosen Captains
Moved & carried that the Legislative Committee make their report on the 5th day of July next at Champooick
Moved and carried that the services of the Legislative Committee be paid for at $1.25- per day- and that the money be raised by subscription.
Moved and carried that the Mayor and Captains be instructed to enlist men to form companies of Mounted Riflemen
Moved & carried that an additional Magistrate and Constable be chosen.
Mr Campo was chosen as an additional Magistrate.
Mr Matthew was chosen as an additional Constable
Moved & carried that the Legislative Committee shall not sit over six days
The meeting was then adjourned.
The question having arisen with regard to what time the newly appointed officers shall commence their duties, the meeting was again called to order, when
It was moved and carried that the old Officers remain in office till the laws are made and accepted, or until the next public meeting

Attest:
C. W. LeBreton